



THE GLEICHEN CALL

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Items From The Battery

Promotion of H.M. Ronald J. Clark of Glauy to the rank of 2nd Lieutenant in the 22nd (R) Field Battery, Royal Canadian Artillery, has been announced by headquarters of the 41st Reserve Brigade Group at Calgary. A farmer in civilian life, Clark enlisted in the Reserve Battery in August, 1940, and rose from the ranks to be promoted to the rank of Battery Sergeant Major on June 1944. He fills the vacancy created by the transfer of Lieutenant Nelson to the Southern Alberta Regiment, Medicine Hat.

Commenting on the effects of blast precautions have had on English civilian life a correspondent writes: "There can hardly be a home in southern England which has not recently rearranged its furniture with a view to safety from blast of robot bombs, rather than decorative looks. We have also become quite expert at the technique of lying down, wherever we may be, in moments of danger. There is really an art in doing this effectively as you must not lie flat but supported just off the ground by elbows and knees, lest the blast tremors through the earth do untoward things to your interior. Blast is a serious subject of discussion and study nowadays."

Congratulations to Sgt. P. Mahony on his appointment as manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce in a town near Edmonton. It is noted that Pat will be leaving the unit shortly. He will be badly missed for he kept the orderly room figures straight, and it must be added he did a lot of other work that very few knew about.

When the last war ended there were only twelve commissioned Indian officers in the Indian Army. The process of Indianization had progressed so rapidly in the years before the war, that when it broke out, the number had grown to 307. The Indian army itself has grown enormously from some 800,000 in 1938 to the present strength of 2,550,000 Indians, of which over 10,000 are Indian officers—that is 36 percent of the officers in the Indian army. The policy is to increase the percentage as rapidly as is practical, until it reaches 100 percent Indian. Indian divisions are formed of Indian Army and British Army units brigaded together. Originally the Indian army followed a policy of placing Indian officers in command only of Indian troops. This policy has now been abandoned and Indian and British officers may both have European and Indian troops under their command.

Brigade Group, Q.M.S. Patterson spent two days checking up on the soldiers and ledgers. If you see the officers improperly clothed at future parades, you might surmise that he had something to do about it.

FARMERS LOOK TO THE FUTURE AND SO DO THEIR WIVES

By Frances I. McKay, Director, Women's Work, Manitoba Department of Agriculture.

Note—this is the second of a series of comments by well-known patriotic authorities written expressly for the "Weekly Post of Western Canada."

Or perhaps wives just dream—dream about the things they would like to have to make the home more convenient and comfortable for the family. One farmer's wife tells me she has hoped for dreams coming true. When they were young in Victory Bonds her husband puts some in his wife's name and these are to be used for improvements on the home after the war.

What are some of the improvements women dream about? I can tell you because some of the women have just been telling me. New home—yes for some, remodeling or renovating old homes—yes for others. But not just the things that are so attractive, but many of them express a desire for improvements which could be used for their present homes.

Rural women would like to be able to have electricity and at a cost they could afford to install it. So many women, during their lives, have carried tons of water in new being that they feel an adequate supply of water

Canadian Pacific Sailors Decorated for Wartime Service



For Gallantry at Sea

SEVENTY ON HONOR ROLL: Their awards among 70 such entries on Canadian M.B.E., veteran of "continued service in sea service, these C.P.R. sailors have been honored by the King and by Lloyd's of London. From left: Second Mate M. D. Atkins, M.B.E., 20, survivor of the sinking late in 1944 of the Empress of Asia and Empress

of Canada; Chief Engineer T. M. Atkinson, M.B.E., veteran of "continued service in dangerous waters, chiefly in the North Atlantic"; Capt. R. McKillop, M.B.E., highly praised for his handling of a C.P.R.-operated ship on D-Day; and Chief Engineer E. B. Vick, O.B.E., awarded Lloyd's War Medal late in 1944 "for bravery at sea".

—Associated Press by Kras, Vancouver.

and a drainage system are two things which would greatly simplify work in the home. The basements of the homes of the women in our homes. Many do a mighty fine job of preparing the family meals and conserving surplus food, considering the tools with which they have to work. The dream of the opportunity of remodeling their old kitchens—having working surfaces of a height that is comfortable; new cupboards for cooking, food and cleaning supplies; a refrigerator to keep the food supplies fresh for a longer period of time.

The basement of the home, or the lack of a properly constructed basement, is another concern of women. What would they like? A basement constructed so that it can be a very useful part of the house, where cupboards and bins can be made to provide storage for canning vegetables or seasonal equipment. One woman writes, "I have lived in small medium and large houses and never had a decent basement until we built our own house. We could not afford a large or elaborate house so just tried to make use of every corner. I love my basement and from my experience I say to anyone who plans to build a new farm home, be sure that the new home has a good basement."

Farm women sometimes express the need for an extra room or a "utility room", where the cream separator and washing machine could be kept, also where there would be facilities for the men to wash up and cupboard space for coats and rubbers. This, these women say, would save a lot of tracking into the house. Some suggest that this could be done in the basement but only if the entrance to the basement were handy to the outdoors.

Some women, in telling what they would like to have, also told what they like about the house in which they live now. One feature some farm women have mentioned is the garage entrance—which gives you a few steps up to the kitchen on the first floor and a few more down to the basement. The vegetables can be brought in without tracking dirt through the house and the ashes can be taken out without having to trudge from the basement stairs to the back door. A utility room in the basement has decided advantages with a grade entrance. One farm woman tells about having the basement completely finished with an office and sitting room combined, and adjacent wash-up room and a place to hang coats. These are a few of the things women would like to have in their homes, not for themselves alone, but to be shared and enjoyed by all members of the family.

From the letters which come to my desk it is clear that many farm women are not just wishing and hoping for the things which will lessen the drudgery of much of their work and make their life more comfortable. Not all all. Many are actively planning to make their dreams come true when the war is over and because these plans will require money—many women are seeking to it that, out of the extra income the farm is producing these days, some of the Victory Bonds are earmarked "For the

BROWNIES MEET MOTHERS AT THE LEGION HALL. The Gleichen Brownies and their mothers met informally in the Legion Hall last Saturday afternoon. With the assistance of ex-Guide Pauline Stelmarsky and Elbert Bales a typical Brownie meeting was demonstrated. The approval of Scout Guide Wick, February 18 to 24, with its appropriate radio programs was announced.

Thursday, February 22nd, the birthday of Lord Baden-Powell, founder of Scout Guide organization, was "Thinking Day" among Guides. The little girls are—reminded of the thousands of Brownies of many nations who would be thinking of how that day. They were urged to be true friendly thoughts.

A special Scout Guide program may be heard Thursday afternoon at 6:15 over CBK, Watrous.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH Sunday February 26th. Evening 7:30 p.m. Rev. D. A. Ford, B.A., Incumbent

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS OF THE TOWN AND DISTRICT

Mrs. H. E. James represented the local branch of the Red Cross society at the provincial meeting of the Red Cross held in Calgary Monday.

Pat Mahony, who is at present manager of the Bank of Commerce here has received word that he is to be moved to a town near Edmonton to take charge of a branch of the same bank there.

Clifford McLeod of Calgary spent the weekend in town the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Schmidt. Clifford spent most of his life in Gleichen but for the past five or six years has lived in Calgary.

Over 100 persons gathered to donate blood to the blood clinic held here last Wednesday. Some 51 actually made donations. Several were refused for one reason or another. This was the largest number ever to have attended the clinic here, which was most pleasing to those connected with the event. Reports from other towns state that a larger number of people attended than in the past.

Alberta beekeepers who require sugar for feeding bees must contact W. G. LeMaistre, provincial apiarist, says C. G. McKee, rationing superintendent. Applicants must furnish name and address, number of the colonies, period during which sugar is to be used and the minimum quantity necessary. If honey is supplied outside the household, the applicant must also state the amount under which he is registered as supplier with the Price Board and the address of the local ration board or branch at which he is registered.

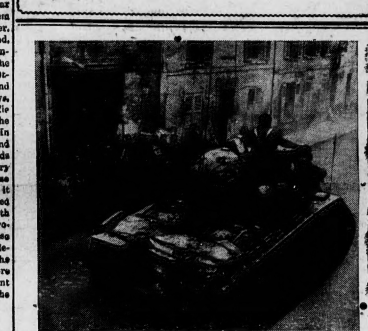
"Home." It's a great feeling—to be able to take plans and to know that, when the time is right, the dreams can be made into realities.

GIVE TO RELIEVE SUFFERING

Prisoners of War, bomb victims men in hospital members of Canada's armed forces overseas and at home—all testify to the immense and needy service performed by the RED CROSS. This great humanitarian work MORE THAN EVER must go on. As the war extends and intensifies, the need grows greater.

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